

rod over the heads of all, which may make the stoutest of them tremble. But I hope our wisdom will grow with our power, and teach us, that the less we use our power, the greater it will be. (To Mr. Leiper, 1815. C. VI., 464.)

PRESBYTERIANS.—Presbyterian spirit is known to be so congenial with friendly liberty, that the patriots after the restoration, finding that the humor of the people was running too strongly to exalt the prerogative of the crown, promoted the dissenting interest as a check and balance, and thus was produced the Toleration Act. (From notes on Religion, 1776. F. IL, 98.)

PRESBYTERIANS.—The Presbyterian clergy are the most intolerant of all sects, the most tyrannical and ambitious; ready at the word of the lawgiver, if such a word could now be obtained, to put the torch to the pile, and to rekindle in the virgin hemisphere the flames in which their oracle Calvin consumed the poor Servetus, because he could not find in his Euclid the proposition which has demonstrated that three are one and one is three, nor subscribe to that Calvin, that magistrates have a right to exterminate all heretics to Calvinistic creed. They pant to re-establish, by law, that holy inquisition, which they can now only infuse into public opinion. (To William Short, 1820. C. VII., 157-)

PRESBYTERIANISM.—I had no idea that in Pennsylvania, the cradle of toleration and freedom of religion, it could have arisen to the height you describe. This must be owing to the growth of Presbyterians. The blasphemy and absurdity of the five points of Calvin, and the impossibility of defending them, render their advocates impatient of reasoning, irritable and prone to denunciation. * * * Systematical in grasping at an ascendancy over all other sects, Presbyterians aim, like the Jesuits, at engrossing the education of the country, are hostile to every institution which they do not direct, and jealous at seeing others begin to attend at all to that object. (To Dr. Cooper, 1822. C. VII., 266.)

THE PRESIDENCY.—I own I like what Luther Martin tells us was repeatedly voted and adhered to- by the Federal conven-